IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Nozomu TAMOTO, et al GAU: SERIAL NO: New Application **EXAMINER:** FILED: Herewith FOR: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PHOTORECEPTOR, AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE PHOTORECEPTOR REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR: Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/985,347 pending, filed November 2, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. **Date Filed** Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: **COUNTRY** APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR 2000-340884 Japan November 8, 2000 Japan 2000-342902 November 10, 2000 Japan 2001-255906 August 27, 2001 Japan 2001-312206 October 10, 2001 Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/985,347 filed November 2, 2001 were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

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